

City Council Meeting September 27, 2021

City Council met in person for a regular session on Monday September 27, 2021, and streamed live over YouTube and Facebook, in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Joel Long who opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll was called and present were Council Members Douglas Byerly, Richard Conklin, Alex Di Constanzo, Barbara Masorti, Richard Morris, Steve Stevenson, and Mayor Joel Long, with Mr. Byerly attending virtually over zoom conference call. Also in attendance was City Manager Gregory Wilson, City Planner and Development Coordinator Abbey Roberts, and the Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell, Fire Chief Tyler Wooding, Fire Chief & Administrator Robert Neff, Fire Chief Norm Wolfram. Guests in attendance were Fire Captain Jake Neff, Lieutenant William Bailey Jr., Fire Fighter/EMT Matthew Hahn, Driver/Operator Jerry Ward, Fire Fighter George Croak, Fire Fighter Matthew Croak, Firefighter Hunter Stover, Fire Fighter Bryan Strouse, Carey Chisolm of C&Q Investment Properties, Jo Ann Bowes representing the Clinton County Historical Society, Chase Bottorf with the Lock Haven Express, Tabitha Strouse, Darryl Peck with Concord Public Finance, and Jennifer Caron with the city's bond counsel Eckert Seamans.

COUNCIL MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mr. Morris and carried unanimously, the minutes of the September 13, 2021, meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Chisolm addressed Council regarding his property at 131 E Water St, the Fallon Hotel. Mr. Chisolm had concerns regarding the stop work order and the permitting process with his permit application having been rejected. The City Manager encouraged Mr. Chisolm to follow the steps and directions given to him in the notices and letters provided by the city in order to successfully navigate the permitting process.

Ms. Bowes invited members of Council and members of the public to the Clinton County Historical Society's dinner on October 17, 2021, celebrating 100 years of the Historical Society.

Fire Chief Norm Wolfram and Fire Administrator Robert Neff presented Distinguished Service Citations to the following individuals, for performing life saving intervention under adverse and hazardous conditions:

Captain Jake Neff, Lieutenant William Bailey, Jr., Auxiliary Fire Driver Jerry Ward, Firefighter Matthew Croak, Firefighter Matthew Hahn, Firefighter Bryan Strouse, and Firefighter Hunter Stover

Members of Council presented those individuals with Distinguished Service medals and thanked them for their service.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council considered the use of Triangle Park by Central Mountain Youth Football on October 1, 2021 for a movie night. Council considered the use of a pavilion at Hanna Park by the Walk family on October 10, 2021. Council considered the use of Triangle Park by Roads to Peace (formerly the Clinton County Women’s Center) on October 12 for a Sexual Assault Awareness Month display. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Di Costanzo, and carried unanimously, the requests were approved simultaneously.**

Council considered Resolution No. 2021-37, requesting the installation of an American Flag across Main Street for Veteran’s Day. **On a motion made by Ms. Masorti, seconded by Mr. Di Costanzo, and carried unanimously, the Resolution was adopted.**

The City Manager notified Council of 2021 Fire Relief distribution of \$33,835.16 from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The City Manager notified Council of the request to Bald Eagle Township to distribute 26% of its 2021 fire relief funds to the Lock Haven Fire Relief Association since the city’s department responded to 26% of the calls in Bald Eagle Township in 2020, with the balance being responded to by Mill Hall which is the department officially designated by Bald Eagle Township.

The City Manager provided the 2019-2020 State Liquid Fuels audit to council for review.

Council received an invitation to John B. Frazier Court Memorial on September 30, at 1:00 p.m. in Courtroom 1. Mr. Frazier, a former sergeant with the city’s Police Department and a former District Judge, passed away during the pandemic when the court was not able to hold the memorial service.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council considered Ordinance No. 2021-08 providing for the 2021 borrowing package as follows:

	Whole Dollars
Series A for \$6,390,000	
New borrowing: City Facility Improvements	2,500,000
New Borrowing: Castanea water main improvements	450,000
Refinancing 2013 Note (currently 2.24% until 2023 when increases to LIBOR +2.24%)	
Refinancing 2018 A Note (currently 3.98% fixed)	
Series B for \$678,000	
New Borrowing	385,834
Refinancing 2018B Note (currently 4.9% fixed)	

Daryl Peck, the City's financial consultant, and Jennifer Caron, the City's financial counsel for bonds and note borrowing discussed the merits, and answered questions from Council regarding the borrowing packages. Mr. Peck explained the process of borrowing and the administration of the loans, as well as the reduction of interest from the 2013 and 2018 debt. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Morris, and carried unanimously, the ordinance was adopted, with the second reading taking place October 4, 2021.**

Council gave consent that it would consider a resolution at the October 4, 2021, meeting, to refinance the 2016 Note with First Keystone for a reduced and modified interest rate.

Teri Provost, of the HOME Investment Partnership program presented Council with the Professional and Technical Services Agreement with SEDA-COG for the administration of the 2020 HOME Program and answered questions for council regarding the program. **On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Di Costanzo, and carried unanimously, Council approved the agreement.**

NEW BUSINESS

Council considered Resolution No. 2021-38, regarding the 2018 CDBG Budget Revision. The City Planner explained that this will move funds into the Piper Harmon project, and funds need to be spent by December 19, 2021. **On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Morris, and carried unanimously, the resolution passed.**

OTHER MATTERS

Mayor Long announced the American Power Boat Association Award, given to the city for the "Best Site". The Express also presented the city with an award recognizing the city's contribution to the annual regatta.

Mr. Morris encouraged residents to get the COVID vaccine.

Mr. Conklin and Mr. Di Costanzo notified Council of their absence at the October 4, 2021, meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Morris, at 8:17 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

City Clerk